



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Billerica, MA. The church is located on Concord Road, just as it meets Route 3A (Boston Road) at the Billerica Town Common. The June meeting will be our annual Ice Cream Social and Group Build Make-up—your chance to finish and bring one of those Group Build projects that didn't get completed in time for the December meeting.



Here's Bart Navarro's 1:24 scale Shelby 427 Cobra S/C (street/competition), which he built OOB from the Monogram kit. Bart used Tamiya Gloss Metallic Red from a spray can for the finish.

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Minutes from the May Meeting

THE Business Meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m., with 13 members present.

First order of business was to report that the Bay Colony chapter is not able to provide a display for the Scout Jamboree on or around May 21st. Dave Schmidt will contact other clubs to see if any can help. On a related note, Dave reported that our club is currently holding 80 kits for potential make-and-takes.

We are still in discussions with the Collins foundation about a display or a make-and take table.

Construction at the Elks Hall in Hudson appears to be complete, and events are taking place.

Owls Head Museum trip: There is one aircraft event on August 6–7 (same day as IPMS Nationals). The 16th and the 23rd of July have been suggested as suitable dates for the outing.

Bill Michaels reports the IMPS/USA clothing provider will set up a website for a fee to provide custom clothing. The present Café Press selections are not as nice as they used to be. Bill will provide Pip Moss with the website address to broadcast to the membership.

Pip announced that Tony D' Anjou has retired from Patriot Chapter as the drive to and from meetings has become increasingly difficult.

John Touloupis will look into a possible new meeting site in Ayer.

Former Patriot member Tim Muldoon made a presentation on behalf of the Massachusetts Air and Space Museum, to which he belongs. The group is seeking volunteers to help restore a collection of aircraft models representing the Massachusetts Air National Guard. Most

of the models need rebuilds, repaints and/or cleaning. Documentation is available for folks who would like to help, and there may be decals available. More information will be sent to Pip.

John Touloupis read the Treasurer's report, and the report was accepted by the membership.

The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m., followed by Show-and-Tell and the monthly raffle.

—Alan Beeber, Secretary

Show-and-Tell

Bart Navarro..... 1:24 Shelby Cobra S/C (Monogram)
1:72 LT-6G Texan (Academy)

Mike O'Keefe 1:35 Cromwell (Tamiya)
Richard Price..... 1:350 HMS Barham W.I.P. (Academy)
John Walker..... 1:35 Panzer IV Ausf. J Late (Shanghai Dragon)

Raffle Report

May winners:

Alan Beeber, Dragon 1:35 SAS Jeep

Ken Fields, Airfix 1:72 Wildcat/Kate Dogfight Double, Battle of Midway

We sold \$64 in tickets, and the prizes cost us \$60, so we made \$4. This brings our 2016 year to date profit to \$51.

Special Note: The Patcon Raffle is open for business! No need to wait until August or September to bring in your donations!

Hold the presses! Want one of the new Airfix 1:48 Defiant kits? We've got one in the raffle! Be sure to bring your ticket money to the June meeting!

—Bill Michaels, Vice President

Club Notices

Judges Needed for Patcon 2016

EVEN though our show is still several months away, it's not too early to begin thinking about one of the most important needs for a successful contest: judges. As you may know, last year we instituted the use of "open style," gold-silver-bronze judging for figures, dioramas and vignettes categories. The new procedure was very successful and will be continued this year. One result last year, however, was a shortage of judges to handle the rest of the categories, especially in the Armor section. We shall, of course, be sending out appeals to members of our neighboring chapters to consider volunteering; but I want to aim this messages squarely at our own members: we need more of you to step forward and do your part for Patcon 2016. The members of your Patcon Committee have been, and continue to be, ready and willing to devote great amounts of time and energy on your behalf; but they can't do all the jobs themselves. I am therefore urging each and every Patriot Chapter member to think about helping man the show and especially to be part of a judging team on September 11th. If there are willing people who need more judging expertise, I have plenty

of written material that I'll be happy to send you, and I'm sure we can mke time at an upcoming meeting for one or more short judging seminars similar to the ones we held last year. Feel free to email me at pnmoss@comcast.net.

—Pip Moss, Vice President & Head Judge

DON'T FORGET!

The June meeting will be our annual

Ice Cream Social

and

Group Build Make-up.

It's not too late—go ahead and finish up those Group Build projects from years past!

Show-and-Tell Gallery



John Walker's 1:35 scale Panzer IV Ausf. J Late (Shanghai Dragon), built almost OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylic Dark Yellow and NATO Green and Brown. John used Plumosa fern to simulate the pine boughs and cobbled together the figure from Tamiya parts. Decals are from the spares box. The model depicts a vehicle from 7th Company, 1st SS Panzer Regiment, Stoumont, Belgium, December 1944. John adds, "I started the kit in 1998—it only took 18 years to complete!"

Its design dating from the mid-1930s, the Panzer IV was originally intended to provide infantry support rather than to engage enemy armor—that role being allocated to the Panzer III. However, with the inadequacy of the latter becoming apparent, and in the face of Soviet T-34 tanks, the Panzer IV soon assumed the original role of its increasingly vulnerable cousin. The most widely manufactured and deployed turreted German tank of World War 2, the Panzer IV was used as the base for many other fighting vehicles including the Sturmgeschütz IV assault gun, Jagdpanzer IV tank destroyer, Wirbelwind self-propelled anti-aircraft gun, and Brummbär self-propelled gun. The Panzer IV saw service in all combat theaters involving Germany and was the only German tank to remain in continuous production throughout the war.



Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Dave Zucker's 1:96 scale towboat *Taurus* (Model Shipways) This multi-media kit features a machine carved, solid wood waterline hull, cabin and pilot house. Doors, windows, lanterns, steam pipe and whistle are all soft metal castings. Railings and stack guys are brass. The model depicts a typical boat as seen around 1900.

Steam towboats like the 72-foot *Taurus* were a familiar sight in every American harbor and navigable tidal flat at the turn of the century. During the 1930s steam engines lost ground to diesel propulsion, and by the 1960s the steam units were all but gone. No longer used, a few steam tugs survive today as museum relics.



Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Mike O'Keefe's 1:35 scale Cromwell Mk. IV (Tamiya). Mike added metal tracks from Fruilmodel. He painted the model with various acrylics and weathered it with artist's oils and Tamiya pigments. Markings are for C Squadron, 5th Royal Tank Regiment, 22nd Armoured Brigade, 7th Armoured Division. Mike's setting depicts the tank among the hedgerows of Normandy sometime after the D-Day invasion. He made the base from balsa foam board. Grasses are a combination of Woodland Scenics and Silfor. The trees were made from dried baby's-breath (*Gypsophila*, often used in floral arrangements), airbrushed a light gray, then green for the leaves.

Known as the "Desert Rats," the 7th Armoured Division of the British Royal Army first gained fame during the World War 2 North African Campaign where it fought in all the principal battles; Later it would land and fight in the Italian Campaign during the early stages of the invasion of Italy before being withdrawn to the United Kingdom where it prepared to fight in Northwest Europe. It began landing in Normandy during the afternoon of 6 June 1944 and fought its way across Europe, ending the war in Kiel and Hamburg,

Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



Bart Navarro's 1:72 scale LT-6G (Academy) built OOB and painted with Alclad aluminum lacquer. Markings, using the kit decals, are for "Night Train," in service in Korea during 1953 with the 6148th Tactical Control Squadron (Airborne).

Introduced in 1950, the T-6G was an improved version of North American Aviation's legendary World War 2 trainer, the T-6 Texan. The T-6G was equipped with a new propeller, increased fuel capacity, revised canopy with better visibility, updated cockpit layout, and a steerable tail wheel. An armed version of this plane was devised for the Korean War and known as the LT-6G, nicknamed the "Mosquito" because of its call-signs and engine sound.

The 6148th was one of two airborne Tactical Control Squadrons in Korea assigned to conduct reconnaissance and to control air strikes for close support of ground troops and strikes on enemy targets. Specially built for this mission, the LT-6G was equipped with powerful radios and armed with six under-wing racks with triple rocket launchers and two .30-caliber machine gun pods. The two squadrons, referred to as Mosquitos, flew 40,354 sorties and lost 33 men and 42 aircraft out of the 97 built.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)

- August 3–6.....**IPMS National Convention/Contest**, Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, Columbia, SC.
Log on to <http://www.ipmsusa2016.com>
- September 11.....**Patcon 2016**, Hudson Elks Lodge, 90 Park Street, Hudson, MA.
Log on to ipmspatriot.org
- September 18.....**Roccon 36**, IPMS Rochester NY, Webster Recreation Center, 1350 Chiyoda Drive, Webster, NY
Contact Clifford Wiley: cwileyone1946@gmail.com or 585-317-2702.
- October 16.....**GraniteCon XXIV**, Granite State Modelers, Nashua Elks Club, 120 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH.
Contact Keith Touchette: touchettekr@gmail.com or 603-578-9231.
- October 22.....**HVHMG 2016**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Club, Lodge Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.
Contact John Gallagher: ggallagherjoh@optonline.net or 845-462-4740.
- November 12.....**LIARS Model Car Challenge**, Long Island Auto Replica Society, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.
Contact Rich Argus: r.argus@juno.com or 516-579-3379.
- November 13.....**Baycon 2016**, IPMS Bay Colony, Smithfield Elks Lodge, 326 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, RI.
Contact Robert Magina: treadhead@comcast.net or 508-695-7754.

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